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Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2000 and 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2000 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2001 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1999/281)

Relevant section of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (Council resolution 1999/67)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2000

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the role of information and communications technology in trade, finance, investment and related areas (General Assembly resolution 54/198)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

(i) Resources and funding of the operational activities for development

(ii) Simplification and harmonization of programming, operational and administrative procedures

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolutions 1999/5 and 1999/6)

(iii) Progress report on the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolutions 1994/33, 1998/27, 1999/5 and 1999/6 and General Assembly resolution 53/192)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on issues arising from the Executive Boards of United Nations funds and programmes (General Assembly resolution 53/192)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2000 sessions (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

(a) Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (Council resolution 1999/55 and decision 1999/281)

(b) Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 1999/281 and General Assembly resolution 54/208)[1]

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 D, entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters"[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 I on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1 of the Council

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1999 coordination segment of the Council (General Assembly resolution 45/264, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels (Council resolution 1999/55)

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolutions 1999/35 and 1999/55) (see documentation under item 4 (a))

Progress report on the implementation of the ministerial communiqué of the high-level segment of the Council at its substantive session of 1999 (see A/54/3, chap. III, ministerial communiqué, para. 19)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fortieth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1999

Question to be addressed

Follow-up to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery (E/1999/123 and Add.1) (Council resolution 1999/66)

(b) Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fortieth session

(c) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the elaboration and implementation of the long-term programme of support for Haiti (Council resolution 1999/11)

(d) Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made by the Ad hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health (Council resolution 1999/56)

(e) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1999/58 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States and on the progress achieved so far in fulfilling the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions (Council resolution 1999/51)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2000 (Council resolutions 1999/1 and 1999/51)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 54/116)[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 1999/52)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 1999/52)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1999

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1999

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2000

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1999

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1999

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1999/53 and General Assembly resolution 54/230[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolutions 53/188 and 54/218)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Council resolution 1999/59 and General Assembly resolution 54/107)

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for strengthening the coordination of mechanisms of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 54/201)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 54/220 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phonomenon[1]

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (Council decision 1993/207 and General Assembly resolution 1997/63 and General Assembly decision 54/450)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium (General Assembly resolution 54/206 and Council resolution 1999/67)

(b) Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLII) and decision 1998/219)

(c) Water supply and sanitation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/126 and Council resolution 1999/47)[1]

(d) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council decision 1997/221)

Report of the Secretary-General on the twentieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Council decision 1998/221)

(e) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-third session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decision 1995/209)

(f) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-first session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8 and decision 1999/223)

(g) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its ninth meeting (E/1999/84) (Council decision 1999/295)

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fourth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and decision 1999/258)

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system under the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (Council resolutions 1996/34 and 1999/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 53/120)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX) and 1999/54)

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the implementation of the revitalization measures (Council resolution 1999/54)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7 and decision 1999/259)

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)[1]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its ninth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1999/262)

Declaration of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 54/127)

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (Council resolution 1745 (LIV))

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-third session (Council resolution 9 (I) and decision 1999/264)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 54/154)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-sixth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Questions to be addressed

Human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 54/185)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (General Assembly resolution 54/188)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Question to be addressed

Review of the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[1]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Oral report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/147)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2001 and list of documents for each agenda item[2]

Substantive session of 2001

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]*

World Economic and Social Survey, 2001

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected for consideration at the high-level meeting of the segment]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192)[1]

Addendum: impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192)[1]

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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* In its resolution 52/86, the General Assembly invited the Council to consider including the issue of violence against women at the high-level segment of one of its forthcoming sessions, in the context of its discussion on the human rights of women. In its resolution 1999/58, the Council suggested that one possibility for the theme of its high-level segment in 2001 could be "Information and communications technology for social and economic development".

[2] It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2000.

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2000 sessions (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[1]

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)[1]

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 2000 agreed conclusions of the Council (General Assembly resolution 45/264, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolution 1997/61)

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-first session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2000

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-first session

Joint United Nations Programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (Council resolutions 1996/47 and 1999/36)

Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2002-2003

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (Council resolution 1999/1)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 1998/46)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1999/37)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its third session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))

Science and technology for development

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (Council decisions 1992/218 and 1999/274)

Statistics

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-second session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II), 1566 (L) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its eighteenth session (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[1]

Environment

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-first session (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[1]

Women in development

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fifth session

Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals on its twenty-first session and on the implementation of Council resolution 1999/62 (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII),1983/7 and 1999/65)

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international Strategy for Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 54/219)[1]

Population and development

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fourth session (Council decision 1995/209 and General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25)

Energy and natural resources for development

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (Council resolution 1998/46, annex I, and decisions 1999/276 and 1999/277)

Public administration and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolution 53/201)[1]

Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council decision 1997/292)

International cooperation in tax matters

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its tenth session (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV) and decision 1999/280)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fifth session (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and decision 1999/258)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on a new draft system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005 (Council resolutions 1996/34 and 1999/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 53/120)

Social development

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-ninth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade (General Assembly resolution 54/122)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 54/123 on cooperatives in social development[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (General Assembly resolution 54/124)[1]

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its tenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fourth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1]

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 54/154)

Human rights

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-seventh session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

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Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations and confirmations.

Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2000 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2000 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 27 January 2000 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2000 and 2001 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2000.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2000 and 2001 (E/2000/1)

4. Elections, nominations and confirmations

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies. The vacancies will be listed in a separate document. The Council will also confirm the representatives on functional commissions of the Council nominated by Governments since the close of the resumed substantive session of 1999.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2000

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	2000
Angola	2002
Austria	2002
Bahrain	2002
Belarus	2000
Belgium	2000
Benin	2002
Bolivia	2001
Brazil	2000
Bulgaria	2001
Burkina Faso	2002
Cameroon	2002
Canada	2001
China	2001
Colombia	2000
Comoros	2000
Costa Rica	2002
Croatia	2002
Cuba	2002
Czech Republic	2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2001
Denmark	2001
Fiji	2002
France	2002
Germany	2002
Greece	2002
Guinea-Bissau	2001
Honduras	2001
India	2000
Indonesia	2001
Italy	2000
Japan	2002
Lesotho	2000
Mauritius	2000
Mexico	2002
Morocco	2001
New Zealand	2000
Norway	2001
Oman	2000
Pakistan	2000
Poland	2000
Portugal	2002
Russian Federation	2001
Rwanda	2001
Saint Lucia	2000

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Sierra Leone 2000
Sudan 2002
Suriname 2002
Syrian Arab Republic 2001
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 2001
United States of America 2000
Venezuela 2001
Viet Nam 2000